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SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the yarn supplied to the Laveru Co-operative Society of Cheepurapalli taluk sometimes contains stones, hay and so many other things? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member brings any instance to my notice, I shall consider and investigate the matter."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" కోఆపరేటివ్ సొసైటీలకు ఇస్తున్న యివంటి నూలులో ఎక్కువభాగం ప్రత్యేకించి ఇస్తారు? (What is the portion of yarn allotted to the co-operative societies?) "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It will be a little less than the original 36 per cent they were getting. The other day the hon. Gentleman Sri Kotaiah was working out the percentage with me. It comes to about 24 per cent."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Why was it reduced? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is aware of the fact that the Government of India have permitted the mills to give a portion of their yarn production to consumers directly and, therefore, the quota set apart specially for distribution in the States gets reduced. Proportionately that amount to which the handloom weavers are entitled will be reduced. But I can tell the hon. Member that so far as my information goes, there is plenty of yarn available in the market and, therefore, there is no difficulty experienced by weavers."

Lease of the right of collection of tolls at ferries.

* 64 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the right of collecting tolls at Ponumudy ferry which has been granted to the Ponumudi Fishermen Co-operative Society in 1951–52, was denied to them and put in public auction in 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The general question whether leases of the right of collecting tolls at ferries need be given to the co-operative societies without conducting public auction is under the consideration of the Government. Before a decision could be arrived at on the question, the District Board had sold the lease in public auction in accordance with the normal procedure."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Was there not a Government Order allowing the fishermen co-operative societies, wherever they existed, the privilege of running the ferries for a definite annual lease amount? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" In this particular case somehow the District Board had auctioned the right before the intimation was given to them. So it was confirmed and it could not be cancelled."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Government take steps to set right the wrong committed by the District Board and allow the *status quo ante* to be continued till the Government take a decision on this question as a matter of policy? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The question is still under the consideration of the Government and only after a decision is taken, action can be taken."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that those who take ferries in auction continue to collect tolls even if the river is fordable? It has happened in some cases, and in those cases, there is no provision in the contract to prosecute the auctioneer. Will the Government take note of this? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" When the river is fordable, people simply wade through it; they need not pay any tolls."

DR. K. B. MENON.—" My own experience is that I had to pay toll even when the river was fordable."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If anybody is harassed like that, he could prefer a complaint."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that this Government Order was cancelled by the interim Government, in spite of the repeated representations made by the concerned co-operative society? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As the District Board has auctioned the ferry against the Government Order in force, will the Government consider the suggestion to take steps to set right the wrong? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" After a decision is taken, they will be informed."

Officials of the Co-operative Department working in co-operative societies.

* 65 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the number of men from the Co-operative Department of Government whose services are lent to co-operative societies to work as secretaries, managers, executive officers and auditors in the co-operative institutions as on 31st March 1952?